

## **Department of Illinois SUVCW**

### **133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Encampment**

**Held May 14, 2016 at**

**Sycamore, Illinois**

The 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois was opened in do form by DC James Lyon at 11:50 am with Dept. Chaplain Jerry Kowalski giving the opening prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our Country.

The Roll of Dept. Officers was called with the following results:

Dept. Commander: James Lyon – Present

Dept. Chief of Staff: Steve Westlake, PDC - Present

Dept. SV Commander: Paul Zeien, Jr – Present

Dept. JV Commander: John Bigwood – Present

Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli – Present

Dept. Treasurer: Wm. Johnson – Present

Dept. Council: Nick Kaup–Present; Ron Clark–Absent; Terry Dyer- Present

Dept. Counselor – Vacant

Dept. Chaplain: Jerry Kowalski – Present

Dept. Historian: Terry Dyer, PDC - Present

Dept. Signals Officer – Paul Zeien, Jr. – Present

Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator: Tom Oestreicher – Present

Dept. ROTC Coordinator – William Shipper – Present

Dept. Monuments/Markers: Greg Carter – Absent

Dept. Guide/Guard: Henry Reienke IV – Present

Dept. P. I.: John Bigwood - Present

Dept. GAR Hwy Officer: Bob Kurek – Present

Dept. GRO: Steve Aarli – Present

Dept. Organizer: Ron Clark – Absent

Roll Call of Camps:

- Gen. George A. Custer Camp #1 (Wilmette) Present
- Gen. Philip H. Sheridan Camp #2 (Aurora) Present
- Gen. John A. McClernand Camp #4 (Springfield) Absent
- Capt. Frank Reed Camp #24 (Tuscola) Absent
- John A. Logan Camp #26 (Rockford) Present
- Gen. E. F. Dutton Camp #49 (Sycamore) Present
- Col. John C. Bryner Camp #67 (Peoria) Present
- Col. Freidrich K. Hecker Camp #443 (Belleville) Present

Total representatives present: 34 members and 1 guest

PDC Steve Westlake led the membership in a three cheer salute to PDC Terry Dyer who was with us and is recuperating from cancer surgery.

DC Lyon had the pleasure of introducing PDC's: Westlake, Lickey, Dyer, & Kaup. PDC Don Shaw of Michigan and Nat'l. CofA member representing CinC Mortorff was escorted to the Commanders station by the Dept. Guide and introduced to the Encampment.

Minutes of the 132nd Mid Term Encampment were approved as distributed via email earlier and ordered placed on file.

Dept. Treasurer Wm. Johnson presented the following Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance:	\$10,077.51
Income:	
New Members	118.00
Nat'l. dues	6846.00
Monies received for Nat'l. Encampment	\$1779.47
Total:	\$18820.98

\*\*\* Some information is missing per Dept. Treasurer Bill Johnson.

Expenses:

Steve Aarli Sec supplies	102.14
Paul Zeien newsletter	13.28
Terry Dyer Petersburg supplies	52.76
Stuart Stefany expenses	14.81
New Bro's	84.00
Dept. Nat'l Dues	4298.00
Insurance	500.00
Dr. Stephenson flyer	41.50
Total Expenses:	\$5106.49
New Balance:	\$16733.42
Less funds for 2016 Natl Encampment	5255.72
Net balance	\$11477.70

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurers report. The Dept. Audit Committee reported that the Treasurers books had been audited and found to be in good order.

**Dept. Officer and Camp Commander Reports:** were emailed prior to the Encampment for review. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the reports and have them placed on file.

Highlights of the 2016 Nat'l Encampment plans were discussed by Dept. Treas. Bill Johnson.

Dept. GRO Aarli highlighted an obituary about SGT. Oliver Hardy (father of Oliver Hardy the actor) who served with Co. K 16<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry during the Civil War and that Oliver Hardy the Son, was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Dept. Sec. Aarli reported on an issue regarding our failure to file a Form 11 to Nat'l. by March 15 which concerns EIN numbers for Illinois. Failure to file had us on the suspension list. The issue had been rectified after receiving a few rather scathing emails from Nat'l Treas.

Richard Orr. Bro. Aarli was upset by Bro. Orr's comments, feeling that Bro. Orr would rather work against the Order than for it. DC Lyon strongly recommended that correspondence should be on SUVCW letterheads to look more professional.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Dept. Sec. Aarli reviewed a few letters that were previously sent to the Dept. Officers and Camps.

**AWARDS:** The members of Gen. E. F. Dutton Camp #49 presented DC Lyon with a mounted saber as a gift for his service as Dept. Commander the past two years. They also presented Bro. Bill Shipper with a commendation certificate for his work with the ROTC program. DC Lyon made the following presentations: PDC Nick Kaup with the Dept. Commanders Award; Certificates of Commendations for work done in their respective appointments: PCC Greg Carter as Memorials Officer; Bill Shipper as ROTC officer; Harry Reineke IV as Guide/Guard; PCC/SVC Paul Zeien as Signals Officer; PDC Terry Dyer as Dept. Historian; PDC Steve Westlake as Dept. Chief of Staff; PCC Tom Oestreicher as Eagle Scout Officer; Jerry Kowalski as Dept. Chaplain; PCC Steve Aarli as Dept. Sec. PDC Nick Kaup Dept. Council and CC Herb Holderman as Camp Commander of the year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bro. Reineke asked that we promote our Ladies groups (Allied Orders) and promote better relations between our groups. The only active Ladies group is the Mary Logan Aux. to the SUVCW and if we could create two more auxiliaries, they could form an Auxiliary Dept. in Illinois. The current calendar listing sites for the Annual and Midterm Dept. Encampments were discussed. It was suggested that we possibly refine the schedule and make a final decision at the October Midterm.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Dept. of Illinois purchase a Dr. Stephenson Plaza brick for outgoing CinC Mortorff to present to him at the 2016 Nat'l Encampment to be held in Springfield this August.

DC Lyon suggested that those elected as Delegates to the Nat'l.

Encampment, review the list of Brothers running for the various National Offices. List can be found on the Nat'l website.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec. supplies: \$139.81; Bill Shipper ROTC supplies \$182.93 and DC Jim Lyon Dept. awards \$46.41. Total: \$369.15. Motion made, seconded and passed to pay these bills.

**Annual Encampment:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the 2016 Midterm Dept. Encampment on Oct. 22, 2016 in Belleview to be hosted by Camp #443.

**Initiation of new members:** None

**Dept. Officer/Delegate Elections:** PDC Steve Westlake Chairman of the nominating committee for May 2016 Dept. election of officers, read the slate of suggested Brothers for the following elected positions: DC Paul Zeien; Dept. SVC John Bigwood; Dept. JVC Harry Reineke IV; Dept. Treasurer Bill Johnson; Dept. Secretary Steve Aarli; Dept. Council PDC Nick Kaup, PDC Jim Lyon and PCC Bob Kurek. As there no suggestions from the floor, Chap Jerry moved that the above members be elected by acclamation. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously.

The following Brothers were elected as Delegates to the 2016 National Encampment this August in Springfield, Ill.: Bro's John Bigwood, Jerry Kowalski, Harry Reineke IV, Gary Gunderson, Hugh DeGroff, Richard Hoover, William Shipper, Herb Holderman and Dave Wildermuth. All other members present will be appointed Alternate Delegates (20 in all).

**Installation of Officers:** PDC Don Shaw CofA member proceeded to install the above listed elected Dept. Officers as well as the following appointed Dept. Officers in due form for the coming year: P. I. Dave Wildermuth; Chap. Jerry Kowalski; GRO Steve Aarli; Historian Terry Dyer; Memorials Officer Greg Carter; Eagle Scout Jim Lyon; Counselor Ron Clark; Dept. Organizer Nick Kaup; Signals Paul Zeien; ROTC Bill Shipper; Guide Chuck Wright; Guard Rob Hauff; Color Bearer Jon Stacy; Real Son Liaison Joe Hutchinson; Fraternal Relations Harry Reineke IV and Chief of Staff Steven Westlake and Steve Haight as GAR Highway Officer. Upon taking his seat as Dept. Commander, Bro. Zeien read a letter of acceptance thanking the Encampment for the honor of serving the Department as Commander. He also thanked Gen. Dutton Camp for hosting the meeting and supplying us with a fine lunch and facility to meet.

**Announcements & Good of the Order:** PDC Dyer invited the Encampment to attend the June 12, 2016 rededication ceremony for a marker in Churchill's Grove subdivision in Rockford that marks the entrance to Camp Fuller CW training camp.

**Closing of Encampment:** There being no further business to bring before this Encampment, DC Paul Zeien thanked everyone for their attendance and formally closed the 133rd Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 2:30 pm in due form.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.

Dept. of Ill. SUVCW